



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 6
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MAY 14 2003

Urgent -- Prompt Reply Requested

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Mr. Bruce Myerson
El Paso Corp.
614 Reilly
Farmington, NM 87402

Re: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) request for access to Farmington Yard,
Herrera Road, Farmington, San Juan County, New Mexico.
CERCLIS #: NM0000605526

Dear Mr. Myerson:

The purpose of this letter is to request permission for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to enter the property on Herrera Road in Farmington, San Juan County, NM, described as the Farmington Yard. In accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. § 9601, EPA is seeking access in order to investigate the nature and extent of contamination that may have resulted from industrial operations at the property.

Section 104(e) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9604(e), grants EPA the authority to enter a property at reasonable times to investigate such releases. Our policy, however, is to seek voluntary cooperation from the property owner when possible.

Representatives of Ecology & Environment, Inc. (E & E) will be conducting the investigation as EPA's contractor. Personnel from E & E will be contacting you to verify the exact dates of the visit. If you would like a copy of the Preliminary Assessment report, please mark the appropriate box on the consent form.

Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at 214-665-6784 or LaDonna Turner of my staff at 214-665-6666.

Sincerely yours,

Susan Webster
Site Assessment Team Leader
Response & Prevention Branch
EPA Region 6

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CONSENT FOR ACCESS TO PROPERTY

Name of Owner: Mr. Bruce Myerson
El Paso Corp.

Address/Description of Property: Farmington Yard, Herrera Road
Farmington, San Juan County, NM

I consent to officers, employees, contractors, and authorized representatives of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) entering and having continued access to my property.

I recognize that these actions by the EPA are undertaken in accordance with its response and enforcement authorities contained in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. § 9601 *et seq.*

I am the property owner, or a responsible agent of the property owner, and I warrant that I have the authority to enter into this access agreement. This written permission is given by me voluntarily with knowledge of my right to refuse and without threats or promises of any kind.

Date

Signature

Title

Phone Number

Reports

Place a check mark in the appropriate space. Please note that if no selection is made, EPA will assume that you do not wish to be provided with the report.

- () Please provide me with a copy of the Preliminary Assessment report for my property.
- () I do not wish to receive a copy of the Preliminary Assessment report for my property.